

Paradise Irrigation District

AGENDA

PARADISE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AD HOC CUSTOMER RECOVERY SUPPORT COMMITTEE 6332 CLARK ROAD, PARADISE, CA 95969

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 ~ 3:00 PM

Committee Members: Directors Shelby Boston and Brian Shaw

PID Staff - Tom Lando, Mickey Rich, Ross Gilb

Public Members - Lee Brown, Cliff Jacobson, Chris Rehmann

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- 1. Opening
- 2. Public Participation
- 3. Interim water backflow devices: Update on backflow program/policy.
 - a. Proposed Backflow Maintenance Program
- 4. Fire prevention Discuss water availability for fire prevention and to support burn permit requirements.
- 5. Discontinuance Policy Chapter 7.73 of PID Policy & Procedures: Update on policy amendments.
- 6. Consider Establishing Future Meeting Date
- 7. Adjournment



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Proposed Backflow Maintenance Program

- 1. District requires high-hazard backflow protection to be implemented with meter installation.
- 2. Customers have a choice how they want to comply.
 - a. PID-owned Device
 - i. FEMA pays for device
 - ii. Refunds for materials will be issued for those who purchased IWS devices.
 - iii. PID maintained
 - iv. Annual or monthly fee based on maintenance cost study for labor / materials
 - 1. Proposed \$50.00 per year per maintained device
 - Fee will need adjusted annually to account for increased labor costs
 - b. This based on a 2% device replacement rate and a 3% repair rate. This rate derived from pre-fire backflow records for 900 devices. We will have a better idea of the actual repair / replacement rate with experience.
 - v. Customers must opt-in
 - b. Customer-owned device
 - i. IWS cost not reimbursed
 - ii. Proposed service trip fee of \$20.00 charged for compliance inspections.
 - iii. Water service can be discontinued for non-compliance.
 - iv. PID will require proof of annual testing
 - 1. PID will send annual reminders and will monitor compliance.
 - a. This is a common water provider activity
 - b. May require software purchase
 - v. Customer may request PID to test device.
 - 1. Fee is \$40.00 per test.
 - vi. Customer can convey device to PID in the future IF device is the same type PID has adopted (Wilkins 975 XL2).
- 3. Standing structures will be given a timeline for compliance if they choose customer-owned option.
- 4. Sealed meters and new connects will be required to comply with backflow prevention requirements before water service is granted.

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Proposed water access for fire protection

Goals

- Allows access to water at vacant lots for fire protection and to support burn permit requirements.
- Addresses customer concerns about this being just "standby" or "occasional use" water.
- Uses existing rate structure based on cost of service
- Active rate charges are triggered when water is used.

Fees:

• Annual administrative fee = \$30.00

Requirements:

- Backflow prevention device
- Annual certification of vacant and unused lot
- 2 consecutive billings with usage triggers return to active rate
- E-billing & Autopay
- Online water threshold / leak notification account

Monthly Billing:

Ready – to – serve rate = \$21.49Town Hydrant fee = \$0.50

First unit of water cost = \$23.10 (brings up to active rate)

Subsequent water = \$ 1.61 per unit

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